

WOMEN WIN WAGE VICTORY IN THE COURT

Order Is Issued Raising Minimum Wages in the State

[Associated Press]
Topeka, April 25.—Kansas working women have won a victory, if the provisions of a temporary order on minimum wages, announced today in the form of "suggestions" for the final wage order, by the industrial court, are carried into effect. The suggestions were issued by the court preliminary to the final hearing on minimum wages for women which will be held here May 9. The suggestions were written by Judge J. A. McDermott.

The annual clothing budget of \$87.55 which was suggested for working girls in the public hearings held by the industrial court, will receive a severe blow, if the recommendations made by Judge McDermott are made permanent. For the minimum wage suggested in the temporary order is an average of 17.6 per cent higher than previous scales. The report issued today covered the following occupations: Mercantile establishments, laundries and manufacturing establishments. A partial report is made on public housekeeping employees.

The temporary order of the court recommends the increasing of the minimum wages for women employees of laundries from \$8.50 to \$11 a week, and of employees of mercantile establishments from \$8.50 to \$10.50 a week. The minimum wage for employees of manufacturing establishments will remain at \$11. If the recommendations are adopted in the final order. No wage recommendation is made for public housekeeping employees. The percentage of increase recommended for the various classes is: Laundry employees, 29.4 per cent; factory employees, none; mercantile employees, 23.5 per cent.

The order also recommends that the hours of labor of women employees of laundry establishments be decreased from a maximum of 54 hours per week, to 49½ hours, and of public housekeeping employees, from 54 to 48 hours. The maximum number of hours recommended for mercantile firms is recommended to remain at 54 hours, and likewise, for manufacturing establishments, at 49½ hours. No changes are suggested for conditions of labor of the various classes of employees.

EX-SERVICE MEN TO FARM
Unique Project Will Be Started in Minnesota
[Associated Press]
McGrath, Minn., April 26.—This thriving farming town is virtually assured one of the most unique farming projects in the United States as the result of a recent visit here of former soldier students at the government vocational training school at Minneapolis, who propose to purchase a tract of 3,500 acres of land near here to develop farms for themselves.

The former servicemen, 46 in number, are more or less disabled as a result of army service, and have been studying agriculture at the training school. As the course stipulates that they must devote a certain period to practical application of their schooling, it was suggested to the men by Prof. B. D. Mayne of the training school that they acquire the title to farm lands and pay for it with the salary and expense money to which they are entitled under the provisions of the vocational training law.

GOOD WORK COUNTS

The Reflector printed a few days ago in the Implement Dealers' Bulletin a page advertisement for a leading Kansas City firm. Today it received an order from the firm to print from the same type 5,000 circulars for its trade. It stated that the printing was as good as any it could get in Kansas City, that the artistic appearance was better than it secured in other offices and it was something it liked to send out. Good work counts in any business—and it is always pleasing to have it recognized.

POSTAL CHECKING SYSTEM

A New Plan Is Proposed in Sweden
[Associated Press]
Stockholm, April 26.—A postal checking account system whereby the Swedish postoffice department will be enabled to do a limited commercial banking business is proposed by Anders Oerne, Minister of communications. The bill also provides that the present postal savings department be merged with the postoffice service.

Under the proposed system, which is meeting some opposition from the banking interests of the country, small depositors in the reorganized postal savings banks could draw their own checks instead of buying postal money orders. This system Minister Oerne contends, would effect a saving in the salaries of officials and money order clerks and other expenses. He declares that less than one-third of the clerical force now required could handle the work under the new arrangement.

COMB WATERS FOR THE DEAD AT FT. WORTH

List of Lost Now 47— a Sheet of Water Around City

[Associated Press]
Dallas, April 26.—Forty-seven are unaccounted for or known dead today as a result of the floods and winds of Texas: 36 at Fort Worth, 3 at Breckenridge, 2 at Grand Prairie, 2 at Palmer, 1 each at Waco, Sonora, Belton and Mountain Creek.

Fort Worth, April 26.—Gradually emerging from the high waters of Trinity river, flooded areas of Fort Worth today are being combed for bodies of the dead and missing. Thirty-six are dead or missing in Trinity river flood here the revised list indicates. The first body recovered this morning was not identified. The city is surrounded on three sides by a sheet of water extending on an area estimated at 25 to 30 square miles. Property damage is about \$1,000,000, according to estimates today.

Rapid recession of the flood waters of Trinity river this morning relieved the danger of additional damage and loss of life. Although more than two inches of rain fell last night, bringing the total rainfall the past 36 hours to 10.56 inches, the worst danger is believed past. The street commissioner announced that water service will be restored tonight.

Breckenridge, April 26.—Three persons are reported drowned by the sudden flooding of Gonzales creek here early today which ousted 300 sleeping residents.

ILLINOIS MINERS BACKING OUT OF STRIKE LIST

Country's Coal Supply Stands Up Well Says Survey Report

[Associated Press]
Washington, April 25.—The government is working on a plan to end the coal strike and will submit it soon to both operators and union leaders was said today at the White House. Details are not disclosed but it said it does not include federal supervision of the coal industry.

Springfield, Ill., April 25.—Separate wage agreements by striking coal miners with the operators of Illinois with some other states are declared imminent by Frank Farrington, president of the Illinois Mine Workers' Union.

Chicago, April 25.—With the coal strike in its fourth week, a survey of thirteen states, including Pennsylvania, Alabama, Kentucky, Texas and most of the midwestern states, indicates that coal supplies for at least sixty days are on hand generally, while stocks in several places were expected to last from ninety days to four months.

Many of the larger factories and public utilities reported the possession of enough fuel to last well into the summer, but in some states the smaller towns and some independent factories were less amply supplied, although relief sufficient for emergencies was expected from non-union mines still in operation. Many Kentucky mines were said to be working day and night, and Alabama production was described as near normal. Confidence rather than anxiety, so far as the fuel supply is concerned, was the rule in all states from which reports were received.

Little unusual demand was evident; in some cases dealers declared that there "will be no market," or that they had more than enough coal on hand. Prices generally are static. Operators and dealers announced, however, that there would be no summer reductions, with the striking exception of the Alabama district, where it was stated that summer prices would be thirty per cent lower than last year.

Cities and towns of Kansas have on an average more than sixty days' supply of coal on hand, according to the Kansas Court of Industrial Relations survey covering more than 100 municipalities. Although Cherryvale reported very little fuel and Fredonia only a fifteen days' allowance, Abilene reported a nine months' supply and Newton "enough for any emergency."

Despite the 30-day extension of the old agreement between union miners and operators, ordered by the industrial court, the coal mining industry is practically at a standstill in Kansas. State institutions, 28 in number, have from two to six months supply on hand. State officials say the mines at the penitentiary will be able to supplement these supplies sufficiently to prevent any shortage at the institutions indefinitely.

At the recent hearing held by the industrial court Kansas operators testified that they had large volumes of coal on board cars at the mines awaiting shipment.

FINE NON-CHURCH GOERS?
That Is Plan of London Bishop to Raise Money
[Associated Press]
London, April 26.—The alternative of going to church on Sunday or paying a fine is suggested by the Rev. Robert Forman Horton, one of England's most noted non-conformist ministers, as a means of raising sufficient revenue "to run the country without plunging it into bankruptcy." Such legislation, he declares, would net £80,000,000 a year.

Dr. Horton's suggestion is said to be based on a law passed in the reign of Edward VI, when anyone absenting himself from church "without lawful or reasonable excuse" was fined one shilling. The law was repealed, but re-enacted and rigidly enforced in subsequent reigns.

UKRAINE IS CONQUERED
Kiev, April 26.—The rich Ukraine, the home of wheat and sugar, bandits and hardworking stubborn peasants, is at last quiet. This vigorous people has been conquered, temporarily, not by the Red Army so much as by hunger. All the Ukraine wants now is food and quiet.

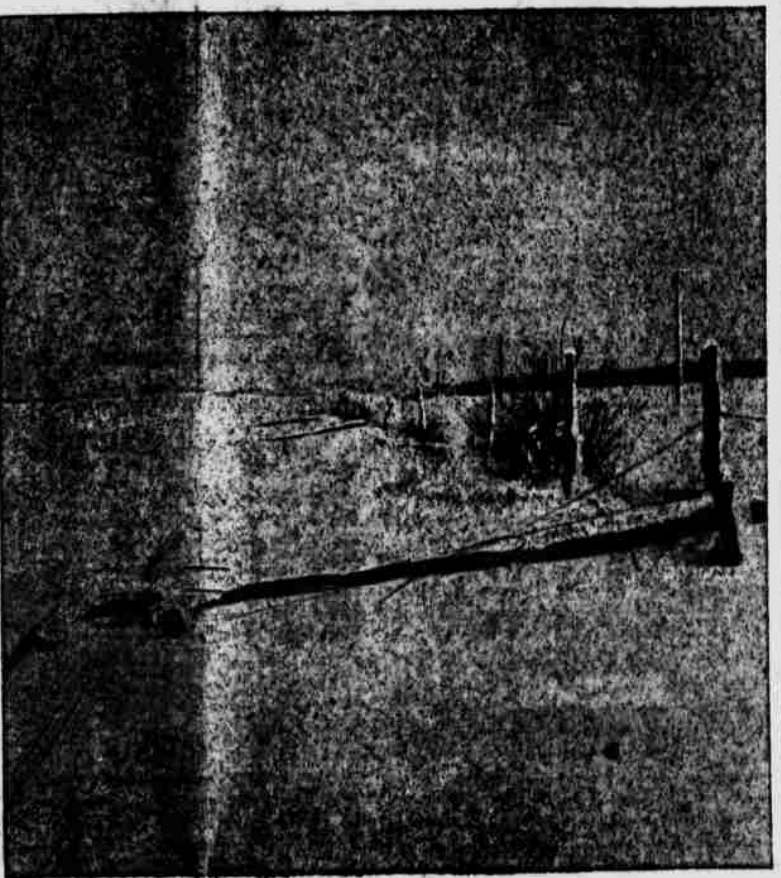
The Ukraine has had 15 governments since October, 1917. It has been a battleground for Communists, Nationalists and Czarists and Poles, followers of Petlura, the Ukraine Nationalist, and all manner of men and parties.

DISCUSS NEED OF WATERWAYS
[Associated Press]
St. Louis, Mo., April 26.—The need for the increased transportation facilities "that our waterways would furnish the people of the Mississippi valley has become apparent and the demand for the development of water transportation is daily growing stronger and more insistent," according to James E. Smith, vice president in charge of the Mississippi Valley Association, which met in Kansas City today.

REMINDEES OF THE BIG STORM



Appearance of the Golden Belt toll line east of Abilene after the snowstorm of March 10.



How the telephone poles were laid over on a Dickinson county road by the snowstorm of March 10. The cuts are from the April issue of the United Telephone Voice.

LET SMUGGLERS PASS

Many Clever Schemes Are Divided By Russians
[Associated Press]
Kovno, Lithuania, April 26.—A solid gold kettle, hanging from a stick over the shoulder of a ragged refugee who recently passed into Lithuania, has caused several customs inspectors to receive sharp reprimands from their superiors in Moscow. The kettle was dented and covered with tin and its owner was seemingly so impoverished that the inspectors allowed it to cross the border without bestowing more than a casual glance upon it.

Many clever schemes to smuggle valuables from Russia are revealed after their authors find themselves safe in Kovno. One traveler succeeded in passing the inspectors with diamonds and other precious stones valued at thousands of dollars concealed in sandwiches.

KANSAS CROP WEATHER IS AIDING WHEAT

Report Shows All State in Growing Condition

[Associated Press]
Topeka, April 26.—The weather of the past week was highly favorable to growth of wheat and up until Sunday farmers were able to plow and prepare fields, says the weekly report issued today by S. D. Flora, meteorologist.

NO WORLD WAR IF PREPARED

[Associated Press]
Washington, April 25.—The United States "with adequate military preparation under strong leadership" could have prevented the world war, General Pershing declared today testifying before the Senate military committee in behalf of the war department's plea for an increase of military strength to over the 115,000 army bill passed by the house. Secretary Weeks also said the house bill is "below a safe minimum of the requirements" of the nation.

SOCIALISTS PROTEST

Send Note to the Soviet Government
[Associated Press]
Stockholm, April 26.—The Social Democratic party of Sweden of which Premier Branting is leader, has sent to the Soviet government of Russia a protest against the execution of 87 Russian Social Revolutionaries which the Bolsheviks are reported to have threatened. Liberal political groups in other countries including German Socialists have sent similar messages to the Bolshevik chief.

UNCOVERED ENEMY'S WORK

But Sabotage Came Too Late to Injure Uncle Sam
[Associated Press]
Leesburg, Florida, April 26.—What is believed to be an example of sabotage practiced by enemies of this country during the World War has come to light here. A concern in the north manufacturing bolts and castings for the government had a large quantity of material left at the time of the armistice and a corporation constructing a factory here purchased several thousands of the bolts. They appeared to be perfect until mechanics attempted to use them. Then it was discovered that many had been sawed almost to the threaded end, leaving a bare eighth of an inch of metal intact. The nuts on the damaged bolts had been screwed down to a point where they concealed the cuts.

Had the bolts been sent abroad they would have been useless for the purpose for which they were designed.

A mid-western auto dealer always washes and polishes new cars brought to him for any kind of service.

SOCIALISTS TALK IT OVER

Their Ultimate Aim Is Public Ownership of Industries
[Associated Press]
Cleveland, O., April 26.—That "elementary rights won by centuries of sacrifice have been invaded by post-war reaction" is contended in a congressional program which according to preliminary agenda issued from national Socialist headquarters at Chicago by Otto Branstetter, executive secretary, will be presented here at the Socialist party convention April 29. The preamble to this program affirms the Socialists' ultimate aim of public ownership and democratic control of the great industries, but adds, "while preparing for this fundamental change and working toward it as a final end, we realize questions of grave immediate concern face us today."

GIVE HISTORY OF TOTEM POLE

Society of Visual Education Arranges For Films
[Associated Press]
Chicago, April 26.—What the totem pole means in Indian history and legend will be made clearer to the school children of the country when films soon to be made by the Society of Visual Education are thrown on the screen.

Early this summer on those far off islands lying along the upper coast of British Columbia, hundreds of Indians will take part in the unfolding of the legend surrounding the totem poles which travelers see in the Alaskan villages. This work will be under the direction of Prof. F. E. Probes, who for forty years has made his home among the Indians on Queen Charlotte and Prince of Wales Islands. The services of Prof. Probes were obtained by H. L. Clark, vice president of the Society for Visual Education, as the man best fitted to carry out this important plan.

MILLIONAIRE WINS CASE

Indian Woman Loses Big Judgment on Tommy Atkins Lease
[Associated Press]
Oklahoma City, Okla., April 26.—Possession of the celebrated Tommy Atkins, oil lease in Creek county, was awarded by the state supreme court yesterday to Charles Page, reputed millionaire of Sand Springs, near Tulsa.

The lease had been contested by Sallie Atkins, Creek Indian woman, who obtained judgment of \$1,900,000.

Page appealed the case to the supreme court, which reversed the decision of the lower court and remanded the case with instructions that judgment be entered for Page.

UNCLE SAM THE LANDLORD

Going Out of Business in Lorain, Ohio
[Associated Press]
Lorain, Ohio, April 26.—Uncle Sam, Lorain's biggest individual landlord, is going out of business next month.

The government has announced that it will dispose of its 232 dwellings in Lorain by auction with May 4 set as the tentative date for the sale.

The property is in the name of the United States Shipping Board. The real estate was acquired and the buildings erected in 1919 to house the families of men employed in the Lorain yards of the American Shipbuilding Co. Scores of ocean-going steamships were built here during the war period by the thousands of men in the shipyards.

The women of the United States are undertaking the work of tree planting along the line of the Victory Highway.

HIGHER SCALE PHONE RATES ARE SUSTAINED

District Court Upsets the Utilities Ruling Against Increases

[Associated Press]
Topeka, April 25.—That the telephone rates put into effect last summer by the Southwestern Bell Telephone company in seven Kansas towns are not unreasonably high and that the rates should be allowed to stand, is the finding of Geo. T. McDermott, of Topeka, referee in the case of the Bell company against the Public Utilities Commission, in a report filed with Judge George H. Whitcomb of the Shawnee county district court, today.

The towns affected by the rate controversy are Hutchinson, Lyons, El Dorado, Atchison, Winfield, Arkansas City and Great Bend. The rate case has been pending for more than a year and has been bitterly contested in numerous hearings and court proceedings. The Utilities Commission issued an order last June denying the rates proposed by the Bell company, following which the Bell company filed application in the Shawnee county court to restrain the commission from enforcing its order. As a result of this last action, Judge Whitcomb appointed McDermott as referee in the case.

HE'LL PROVE IT TO 'EM

Caney People Have a Chance to See Marriage License
Parsons, April 26.—Caney citizens were somewhat dumfounded, yesterday, when S. R. Satterfield, walked downtown showing a marriage license, to prove that he and Emma J. Bonebrake had been married in Claremore, Okla., Jan. 20, 1920.

Quitting bee rumors have gone about town during the last few days, said Satterfield, that he and his wife were not legally married. Therefore he removed his marriage license from the wall near the family hearth and showed it to the people of Caney. He invited the public's gaze at the picture.

KANSAS CITY MARKETS

[Associated Press]
Kansas City, April 26.—Cattle 5,800, beef steers strong to 15c higher, best \$8.50, fat cows and heifers strong to 25c higher, better cows \$6 to \$6.50, calves 50c higher, packer lot \$9, other classes steady.

Hogs—Receipts 10,000, opened slow, later active, 5c to 10c higher, \$9.85 to \$10.20, top \$10.25.

Wheat and Corn—Cash wheat, No. 1 hard, \$1.32 to \$1.51, No. 2 \$1.31 to \$1.51; No. 1 red \$1.33 to \$1.36, No. 2 \$1.32 to \$1.33; May wheat \$1.25½, July \$1.16½. May corn 54½c, July 56½c.

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Eggs19
Hens18
Old roosters08
Stage12
Butterfat30
Wheat 1.28
Corn55

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